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US Patent and Trademark Office  
Attn: Alex P. Rada  
Crystal Plaza #2, Suite 1A031  
2011 S. Clark Place  
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Re: Amended Application No. 09/977,938

Dear Inspector Rada:

Enclosed herewith, please find the Amended Patent Application No. 09/977,938, submitted on behalf of John Marshall Armstrong and John Garrett Armstrong, per our earlier conversations.

If any additional information is needed, please feel free to call. For now, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marshall". It is signed over a horizontal line.

Marshall Armstrong

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